

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Scott Reichner, on February 9, 2011 at 3:53 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Scott Reichner, Chair (R)
Rep. Kris Hansen, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)
Rep. Christy Clark (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Jonathan McNiven (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Jeffery W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Lila Walter Evans (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Staff Present: Marissa Stockton, Committee Secretary
Dan Whyte, Legislative Fiscal Division

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 136, 2/4/2011; HJ 9, 2/4/2011

00:01:08 Chairman Reichner

HEARING ON HJ 9

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:20 Rep. James Knox (R), HD 47, opened the hearing on HJ 9, Interim study of self-governing authority by school boards.

00:04:16 Chairman Reichner

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:24 Connie Wardell, Billings Public Schools Trustee

00:06:45 Chairman Reichner

00:06:53 Ed Butcher

00:08:30 Chairman Reichner

Opponents' Testimony:

00:08:47 Steve Meloy, Montana Board of Public Education (BPE)

00:09:49 Chairman Reichner

00:09:54 Dennis Parman, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:11:39 Chairman Reichner

00:11:43 Marco Ferro, Montana Teachers Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:12:25 Chairman Reichner

00:12:29 Dan Villa, Education Policy Advisor to the Governor

00:13:34 Chairman Reichner

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:04 Rep. Wagner

00:14:43 Steve Meloy, BPE

00:14:58 Rep. Wagner

00:15:19 Steve Meloy, BPE

00:15:44 Chairman Reichner

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:51 Rep. Knox

00:17:30 Chairman Reichner

HEARING ON HB 136**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:19:01 Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 136, Generally revise school funding.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:31 Dan Villa

[EXHIBIT\(edh32a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh32a02\)](#)

00:29:14 Rep. Wagner left.

00:33:05 Chairman Reichner

00:33:11 Madalyn Quinlan, (OPI)

00:35:51 Rep. Wagner returned.

00:37:49 Chairman Reichner

00:37:59 Connie Wardell, Billings Public Schools Trustee

[EXHIBIT\(edh32a03\)](#)

00:39:50 Chairman Reichner

00:40:26 Rep. Willmer arrived.

00:44:27 Chairman Reichner

00:45:01 Jeff Greenfield, Billings Education Association (BEA)

00:46:31 Chairman Reichner

00:46:37 Denise Hayman, Bozeman School District

00:48:34 Chairman Reichner

00:48:51 Theresa Sterobbe, School Board Trustee

00:51:37 Chairman Reichner

00:51:40 Macro Ferro, MEA-MFT

00:52:38 Chairman Reichner

Opponents' Testimony:

00:53:09 Chris Kuehn, Malta School District and Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

[EXHIBIT\(edh32a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh32a05\)](#)

00:56:13 Donald Reiger, Fallon County Schools

00:58:31 Todd Hermanson, Sidney Public Schools

01:03:33 Louann Cooley, Sidney Public School District

01:06:26 Fred Hoffman, Poplar High School Principal

01:09:20 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

01:12:06 Dennis Lorenz, Sidney School District

01:15:12 Chairman Reichner

01:15:22 Alan Underdal, Commissioner ,Toole County

[EXHIBIT\(edh32a06\)](#)

01:17:17 Chairman Reichner
01:17:22 Dannie Linn, Saco Montana Chairman of Saco Pubic Schools
01:19:26 Chairman Reichner
01:19:31 Kim Nollmeyer, Savage School District
01:21:27 Chairman Reichner
01:21:44 Rep. Stahl, HD 35
01:24:46 Dell Nollmeyer
01:26:49 Chairman Reichner
01:26:53 Wade Johnson, Superintendent, Cut Bank School District
01:28:27 Chairman Reichner
01:28:33 E.J. Redding, Baneville Public Schools and Wibaux Public Schools
01:29:03 Chairman Reichner
01:29:08 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Taxpayers Association

EXHIBIT(edh32a07)

EXHIBIT(edh32a08)

01:29:57 Chairman Reichner
01:30:01 Don McDowell, Powder and River Counties
01:30:30 Willie Duffield, Montana Association of Oil and Gas Companies (MAOGC)
01:32:37 Chairman Reichner

Informational Testimony:

01:33:24 Jim Standaert, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

EXHIBIT(edh32a09)

EXHIBIT(edh32a10)

01:35:31 Rep. Wagner returned.
01:42:53 Chairman Reichner
01:43:06 Erik Dahl, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:43:31 Rep. Clark
01:44:29 Dave Galt, (MPA)
01:45:57 Chairman Reichner
01:46:01 Rep. McClafferty
01:46:20 Dan Villa
01:48:59 Rep. McClafferty
01:49:11 Dan Villa
01:50:05 Rep. Wilmer
01:51:16 Jim Standaert, LFD
01:52:53 Rep. Wilmer
01:53:38 Jim Standaert, LFD
01:53:44 Rep. McNiven
01:54:08 Dan Villa
01:54:38 Rep. McNiven
01:54:46 Dan Villa
01:55:44 Rep. McNiven
01:56:09 Dan Villa
01:56:37 Rep. Blasdel left.
01:56:51 Rep. McNiven

01:57:06 Dan Villa
01:57:12 Rep. McNiven
01:57:40 Dan Villa
01:57:58 Rep. McNiven
01:58:21 Dan Villa
01:59:51 Rep. McNiven
02:00:03 Larry Crowder, Superintendent, Culbertson School Districts
02:00:28 Rep. McNiven
02:00:50 Larry Crowder, Superintendent, Culbertson School Districts
02:02:14 Rep. Bennet
02:02:18 Chairman Reichner
02:02:23 Rep. Blasdel
02:02:27 Chairman Reichner
02:02:29 Dan Villa
02:02:31 Chairman Reichner
02:02:34 Dan Villa
02:02:41 Rep. Hansen left.
02:02:47 Rep. Welborn left.
02:02:52 Rep. Bennett
02:03:14 Dan Villa
02:04:38 Rep. Welborn returned.
02:05:43 Rep. Bennett
02:05:56 Dan Villa
02:06:07 Rep. Price
02:06:40 Dan Villa
02:06:43 Rep. Hansen returned.
02:08:02 Rep. Price
02:08:19 Dan Villa
02:08:24 Rep. Wagner left.
02:08:36 Rep. Hansen left.
02:09:06 Rep. Blyton
02:10:01 Dan Villa

EXHIBIT(edh32a11)

02:10:14 Chairman Reichner
02:10:19 Dan Villa
02:11:16 Rep. Blyton
02:11:24 Rep. Hansen returned.
02:11:51 Dan Villa
02:12:10 Rep. Price left.
02:12:23 Rep. Washburn
02:12:39 Dan Villa
02:13:11 Rep. Washburn
02:13:44 Dan Villa

EXHIBIT(edh32a12)

EXHIBIT(edh32a13)

02:17:32 Chairman Reichner
02:17:56 Rep. Price returned.
02:18:18 Jim Standaert, LFD
02:19:44 Chairman Reichner
02:20:21 Jim Standaert, LFD

02:20:51 Chairman Reichner
02:21:16 Jim Standaert, LFD
02:21:40 Chairman Reichner
02:22:09 Rep. Welborn left.
02:22:33 Jim Standaert, LFD
02:22:52 Chairman Reichner
02:23:40 Dan Villa
02:25:02 Chairman Reichner
02:26:05 Rep. Blasdel left.
02:26:17 Dan Villa
02:27:26 Chairman Reichner
02:27:35 Dan Villa
02:27:59 Chairman Reichner
02:28:14 Rep. Blasdel returned.
02:28:23 Dan Villa
02:29:16 Chairman Reichner
02:29:53 Dan Villa
02:31:37 Chairman Reichner
02:32:13 Dan Villa
02:33:11 Chairman Reichner
02:33:18 Rep. Hansen
02:34:20 Madalyn Quinlan, OPI
02:35:02 Rep. Hansen
02:35:27 Dan Villa
02:36:13 Rep. Wilmer left.
02:37:26 Rep. Hansen
02:37:38 Daniel Far, Superintendent, Sidney School District
02:38:38 Rep. Hansen
02:39:01 Daniel Far
02:39:05 Rep. Malek
02:39:14 Dan Villa
02:39:22 Rep. Malek
02:39:41 Rep. Wilmer returned.
02:39:43 Dan Villa
02:41:00 Rep. Malek
02:41:13 Dan Villa
02:43:30 Rep. Malek
02:45:39 Daniel Far, Sidney School District
02:48:07 Rep. Malek
02:49:21 Daniel Far, Sidney School District
02:49:49 Rep. Blasdel left.
02:50:51 Rep. Malek
02:51:10 Daniel Far, Sidney School District
02:51:20 Rep. Bennett
02:51:29 Dan Villa
02:51:32 Rep. Bennett
02:51:35 Chairman Reichner
02:51:40 Rep. Bennett
02:51:51 Dan Villa
02:53:37 Chairman Reichner

02:54:52 Dan Villa
02:55:02 Chairman Reichner
02:55:48 Dan Villa
02:57:12 Chairman Reichner
02:57:18 Rep. Clark
02:58:25 Dan Villa
02:59:38 Rep. Clark
02:59:50 Dan Villa
03:00:27 Chairman Reichner
03:00:33 Rep. Malek
03:00:43 Chairman Reichner
03:00:57 Rep. Malek
03:01:01 Rep. McNiven
03:02:04 William Duffield, MAOGC
03:02:55 Rep. McNiven
03:03:11 William Duffield, MAOGC
03:03:12 Chairman Hollandsworth

Closing by Sponsor:

03:03:19 Rep. Schmidt
03:04:12 Chairman Reichner

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:04:24

Marissa Stockton, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT\(edh32a14\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh32a15\)](#)

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh32aad.pdf](#))